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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Farber, et al.

Application No.: 09/612,598

Filed: July 7, 2000

For: Optimized Network Resource Location
for Internet Content Delivery and
Hosting

Examiner: Mehmet B. Geckil

Art Group: 2152

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1 41. (Currently amended) A ~~distributed hosting framework~~ system operative in a
2 computer network in which users of client machines connect to a first server, the ~~framework~~
3 system comprising:
4 a routine for modifying at least one embedded object URL of a web page to include a host
5 name prepended to a domain name and path;
6 a set of repeater servers, distinct from the first server, for hosting at least some of the
7 embedded objects of web pages that are normally hosted by the first server; and
8 a repeater selector mechanism constructed and adapted to identify, for a particular client
9 machine, an appropriate repeater server from the set of repeater servers;

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